

In-Fur-Nation

And the ConFurence Chronicle

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Well, here we are again, and rather soon, yes? This special issue is mostly dedicated to important matters regarding **ConFurence 3**—Happening at the end of this month! We'll get In-Fur-Nation down to a quarterly schedule by early this year.

Reed Walker, creator and artist of *Omaha the Cat Dancer* (with his wife, **Kate Worley**), has been diagnosed with intestinal cancer. As of this writing his prognosis for treatment is described as very good. However, the cost of treatment has created a severe strain on Reed and Kate's finances, and Reed's required recovery time is going to make it difficult for him to complete paying work on *Omaha the comic* and other projects.

Reed's situation has unleashed a large string of fund-raising efforts on his behalf in the comics and fandom communities. **LosCon 1991** (Long Beach, California, last November) used both an auction and a collection kitty to raise more than \$1,800 toward Reed's expenses. **Kitchen Sink Comics** has announced that a benefit comic, with contributions by several underground and independent comic artists, will be on sale later this year. And **Martin Wagner**, creator of *Hepcats*, is working on a special collaboration print with Reed, proceeds from which will be dedicated to Reed's expenses.

Fred Patten, well-known fan writer and editor of the anthropomorphic *APA Rowrbrazzle*, has been invited to join the furry and independent comic creators who will be travelling to Angoulême (in France) for the gigantic *Comics Festival* to be held there at the end of January (see In-Fur-Nation Nov. 1991). As Fred has accepted, this unfortunately means he will not be joining us at **ConFurence 3** later this month. We wish all the off-to-France envoy a good time and good luck!

Unsubstantiated Rumor Department: In interviews, **Alan Dean Foster** has mentioned the possibility of there being one or two more books in the *SpellSinger* series published in the near future...

Mercedes Lackey has collaborated with fantasy great **Andre Norton** to bring us *Dragonsbane*, a novel of humans, elves, dragons and prophecy on an alternate world. Mercedes was helped by her husband, fantasy and anthropomorphic artist **Larry Dixon**, who also created the interior art for the book.

Walt Disney Pictures new animated feature film, *Beauty and the Beast*, has been nominated for four Golden Globe Awards, including Best Picture (comedy or musical). The Golden Globe nominations are traditionally considered to be clues for which films may be nominated for the more prestigious Academy Awards.

ConFurence Progress Report #3

Now's the time when we really cover all the little important points that you need to know if you're joining us for our **Big Furry Gathering** at the end of this month!

Registration and Hours

The convention will officially open at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 24th. The hours of official programming are:

Friday, 1/24:	12 noon - 7:30 P.M.
Saturday, 1/25:	11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, 1/26:	11:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

The Registration Desk will be open the following hours:

Friday:	10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Saturday:	11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Sunday:	11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

There will be two stations at Registration, one each for pre-registered members and at-the-door sign-ups. If you are a pre-registered member it will be very helpful if you present your membership receipt (helps us track down your membership number faster). On Sunday afternoon we will begin selling memberships for **ConFurence 4, 1993**. Memberships may be paid for with cash or personal check (with a valid I.D.).

FurryMUCK participants (and other virtual reality/network personalities): Be sure to pick up your "Hi, I'm Virtually _____" badges at Registration—if you're daring! :->



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Hotels Near and Far

There are still rooms available at our host hotel, The Holiday Inn Main Gate! But to reserve them you must call during the hours of 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday thru Friday, and mention our Event Number: CON0123. Single and double rooms are still only \$71.00 per night. Nearby our host hotel are dozens of accommodations within a 1/4-mile radius. The following economy hotels are within 100 yards of our host hotel:

Zaby's Motor Inn—	(714) 635-4411
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Our Location

ConFurence 3 is in the heart of Anaheim, directly kitty-corner (meow!) from the Magic Kingdom of Disneyland. Just follow the map on Page 4 and you'll be right there. Plenty of free parking at the Holiday Inn Main Gate. If you can't get a shuttle bus directly to the Holiday Inn, any number of services offer shuttle buses to the nearby Disneyland Hotel or Anaheim Convention Center.

The Den of Dealers and beyond...

Dealers' tables are still available! Only \$50.00 for a full 8 ft. by 2.5 ft. table for all three days, with two memberships included. Only \$30.00 gets you a half-table (4 ft. by 2.5 ft.) for all three days with one membership included.

Next to the Den of Dealers is the Artists' Alley room. Table space here must be reserved each morning of the convention, and remember—it's first come, first served!

Art Show Information

Space is still available for 2-D and 3-D art of an anthropomorphic nature, whether brought in by you, brought in by an agent, or mailed in to the convention. Write to John Stanley care of the ConFurence P.O. box for a complete packet of information regarding art show registration, bid sheets, and other such stuff. And remember, if you're attending ConFurence, art can be purchased with cash, personal checks, or credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, or American Express).

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

This year our Special Interest Group meetings include: Groups dedicated to computer networks, FurryMUCK and other virtual realities, personal furies, *The Furkindred*, *TaleSpin*, furry publications, and many other topics! Also, we have a special meeting on Sunday regarding our convention theme for this year, Our Furry World and the people in it, as well as a talk-back session Sunday afternoon so you can help us plan for an even better ConFurence 4 in 1993! See the Pocket Program (available at Registration) for a complete schedule of SIG meetings.



Meet Our Guests Meetings

Early Saturday morning will be a special meeting for you to meet all of our guests-of-honor at once—Chuck Melville, Dave Garcia, and Tarral Wayne. Through the rest of Saturday and Sunday, each guest-of-honor will get their own hour to meet with the fans and talk about what they've been up to lately—or what they plan next. In addition, the rest of our special guests will be available at various times in the Den of Dealers to meet you, sign books and other items, and sell sell sell!

Costume SIG

The furry costume presentation and how-to meeting will begin at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday the 25th. Those wishing to present a skit or other costume display will be given their time first, followed by a free-form discussion of costuming design and construction techniques. Further information will be provided in the Pocket Program.

Night-time Activities

Plenty of stuff going on after the main programming ends for the day.

Food

The Meet-The-Guests Ice Cream Social (included with your ConFurence membership) will begin at 8:00 P.M. on Friday night and continue until we can stand no more. The Saturday Night Spaghetti Feed will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on (gasp!) Saturday night, and is a small extra cost. Remember—those attending the Spaghetti Feed get to vote for the winner of the costume presentation (hall costumes and presented costumes), but space at the Feed is limited! So get your tickets at Registration and get them early!



Gaming

The FRP Gaming Room will be open all night on Friday and Saturday nights. Gaming possibilities include *Justifiers*, *Albedo*, *Other Suns*, *TMNT*, *Furryland*, and many others. Contact Shayn Raney, John Merhar, or Vicky Levitin for more gaming information or to register as a GM (please!).

Filking

The annual Furry Filk Contest will be held Saturday night at 8:00 P.M., following the Spaghetti Feed. Songwriters are encouraged to send in or present songs on these topics: Anthropomorphic characters or stories, Toons, lycanthropes, real animals, or mythical beasts. After the entries are presented or sung, the winner will be voted on by the non-participants who are present.



We Need Your Help

ConFurence graciously requests your assistance on several important items in and around our convention—

Reed Waller Assistance Fund

ConFurence is joining several other fannish and professional organizations in attempting to help Reed Waller, creator of Omaha the Cat Dancer and one of our Guests-of-Honor at ConFurence 2, through his time of financial need brought on by his medical situation (see NEWS, this issue). We will be accepting donated art to be sold in the art auction, with all proceeds going to Reed. We will have a 'donation kitty' at Registration for those who wish to contribute directly. And...

Benefit Dance

"Omaha" Sternberg, a professional dancer and performer, graciously offered to present a special exotic dance show for ConFurence on Saturday night, with the proceeds all to go to help Reed Waller. We heartily agreed! Tickets for this special show, to be held after the Saturday Night Spaghetti Feed, will be available for \$5.00 Friday and Saturday, and \$10.00 at-the-door of the performance. Please join us and help support a worthy cause!

Other Matters of Health...

In the spirit of the Season of Giving, ConFurence will also have donation kitties at Registration for Monika Livingston and Deal Whitley, two well-known furry artists who have also been hit with high medical bills recently. Any help you can provide is appreciated!

Sponsors

As before, we need people to help us feed and house our special guests! For just \$20.00 (or more!) above your membership, you get admission to the VIP lounge (guests and sponsors only!), a free sandwich fest on Sunday afternoon, and other neat goodies! Let us know which guest you want your contribution aimed at, or just say 'general fund' and we'll split it among all of them.

The ConFurence 3 Souvenir Book

We've received lots of art for our annual souvenir book—and thank you very much to one and all! We still need some more spot illos, and we need more articles! The subject is our convention theme—Our Furry World. We need stories of unusual or interesting places you've seen the furry theme used, furry stories and items from around the world, or even reflections on furry fandom today. Articles can be up to 500 words in length, and all rights return to the writer after publication. The deadline for all contributions to the souvenir book is January 12th, so don't delay!

Volunteers

We are still accepting volunteers for gophers (of course!) to man the registration desk, check badges, and help us with other vital functions throughout the convention. Remember, for just a minimum of 10 hours work, your membership cost will be returned to you at the end of the convention. So let us know if you'd like to help out!

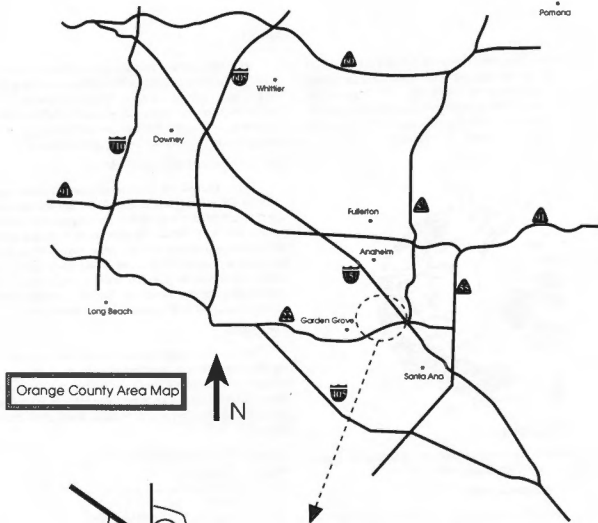
See you at the End of the Month! And Stay Furry!

Furryland Enter the Reality



Play the Role

Contact the gaming department for more information



Orange County Area Map



Conference Detail Map



CONFURENCE THREE- Here, Now, De-Tails:

WHEN:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday; January 24, 25, 26, 1992

WHERE:

Holiday Inn Anaheim- Main Gate
850 South Harbor Blvd. Anaheim, CA 92802
\$71.00/night, single or double rooms.

Call (800) 624-6855 or (714) 750-2801
and be sure to say "ConFurence 3" (CON0123)

HOW MUCH IT IS:

\$25.00 for full membership
until 1/17/92 or at-the-door.

\$10.00 for supporting membership, anytime.
(Gets all mailings and the Souvenir Book)

\$15.00 1.5-day membership, at-the-door only.
(Fri/Sat or Sat/Sun)

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WHO IS IT?

It's Mark Merlino, Rod O'Riley, John Stanley,
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